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Letter dated 28 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

My Government requests the Security Council to condemn the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which launched attacks, with former members of the Rwandan Armed Forces (ex-FAR), Interahamwe and Mai-Mai, on the town of Uvira in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in violation of the Pretoria peace agreement.

Rwanda denies all the reports, which are entirely baseless, transmitted to the Security Council by the Kinshasa Government, which seeks to implicate the Rwandan defence forces in the retaking of Uvira by the Rassemblement Congolais pour la Démocratie/Goma (RCD/Goma) on Saturday, 19 October 2002.

My Government would point out to the Security Council that it has withdrawn all its troops from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and that to date it has not redeployed its troops in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has none within the ranks of RCD/Goma.

Accordingly, Rwanda declares that the letter dated 22 October 2002 and its annex (S/2002/1182) from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council is false, null and void. Rwanda has honoured all its commitments. It is the Democratic Republic of the Congo which remains intransigent with regard to the peace agreements, which it nonetheless signed advisedly.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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